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Honorable Marianne M. Hall  
Chairman  
Copyright Royalty Tribunal  
1111 20th Street, N.W.  
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Washington, D.C. 20579

Re: CRT Docket No. 84-1; 1983 Cable  
Royalty Distribution

Dear Chairman Hall:

The Tribunal has before it the comments of various parties concerning the scheduling of and procedures to be followed in the 1983 cable royalty distribution proceeding. These comments were submitted on November 15, 1984, in response to the Tribunal's notice published at 49 Fed. Reg. 39360 (October 5, 1984).

The undersigned Copyright Owners urge the Tribunal to hold an on-the-record prehearing conference, during the week of March 25, 1985, for the purpose of considering the issues raised by the November 15 comments. They further request that the Tribunal, as soon as possible after the prehearing conference, adopt a schedule for and set of procedures governing the 1983 proceeding.

The Copyright Owners have agreed to meet prior to the prehearing conference to discuss their positions concerning the procedural aspects of the 1983 case. The Copyright Owners expect to be able to present the Tribunal with a joint memorandum which identifies (1) the various procedural proposals that have been made; and (2) the position of the parties with respect to each such proposal. This memorandum, which would be filed with the Tribunal one week before the prehearing conference, should serve to clarify and to narrow the issues that need be addressed at the conference.

The Copyright Owners understand that the Tribunal has received from outside counsel a report recommending the adoption of certain procedures to be followed in the royalty distribution proceedings. The Copyright Owners believe that release of this report would significantly aid the parties

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in identifying all of the pending procedural proposals and their positions with respect to those proposals. Accordingly, the parties request that the Tribunal release the report or those portions which the Tribunal considers relevant, as soon as possible.

Attached, for the Tribunal's consideration, is a draft order consistent with the above requests.

Respectfully submitted,

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